

In the claims:

1. (canceled)
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3. (New) A dual fishing rod holder comprising:

a mounting post adapted for insertion into a receiver installed on a boat;

a tip-down fishing rod holder having a proximal end and a distal end, said tip-down fishing rod holder being secured at its proximal end to the mounting post and extending rearwardly and at an angle from the mounting post;

a fastener at the distal end of the tip-down fishing rod holder, wherein the fastener is adapted to secure a first fishing rod and freely suspend the first fishing rod; and

a tip-up fishing rod holder disposed at an angle relative to the first fishing rod holder, said tip-up fishing rod holder adapted to securely receive a handle of a second fishing rod and hold said second fishing rod at a substantial angle relative to the first fishing rod;

wherein the second fishing rod holder is secured at a distance from the top of the proximal end of the first fishing rod holder.

4. (New) A dual fishing rod holder comprising:

a first fishing rod holder having a proximal section and distal section, wherein said proximal section is at an angle relative to the distal section and said proximal section is adapted for insertion into a receiver installed on a boat.

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a fastener coupled to the distal section of the first fishing rod holder, wherein the fastener is adapted to secure a first fishing rod; and

a second fishing rod holder coupled to and substantially parallel to the proximal section of the first fishing rod holder, said second fishing rod holder adapted to securely receive a handle of a second fishing rod and hold said second fishing rod at a substantial angle relative to the first fishing rod;

wherein the second fishing rod holder is secured at a distance from the top of the proximal end of the first fishing rod holder.

5. (New) A dual fishing rod holder comprising:

a first tube characterized by a proximal section and distal and having a bend between said proximal section and distal section;

a fastener coupled to the distal section of said first tube, said fastener coupable to a first fishing rod and adapted to secure the first fishing rod; and

a second tube coupled to the proximal section of the first tube and at an angle relative to the distal section of the first tube, said second tube adapted to receive a handle of a second fishing pole;

wherein the proximal section of the first tube is so sized and dimensioned to be inserted into a receiver on a boat.

6. (New) The dual fishing rod holder of claim 5 wherein the fastener coupled to the distal section of the first tube is

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adapted to allow at least two degrees of freedom in the first  
fishing rod when the first fishing rod is coupled to the fastener.